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SUBJECT: BATES CASE

1. AS FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM WAS OBVIOUSLY PRESSED FOR TIME IN HIS MEETING WITH ME AT NOON DEC 18, I RAISED BATES CASE WITH VICE MINISTER ISMAIL IN CONVERSATION IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. I SAID SECRETARY HAD INSTRUCTED ME PERSONALLY TO BRING MATTER UP IN HIS NAME, AS HE HAD INTENDED TO DO SO DURING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD ON DEC 15 BUT TIME HAD NOT ALLOWED.

2. I THEN REVIEWED HISTORY OF CASE, POINTING OUT THAT JONATHAN BATES HAD NOW BEEN IN PRISON FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS AND ON TRIAL FOR MORE THAN A YEAR WITHOUT ANY VERDICT HAVING YET BEEN HANDED DOWN. I STRESSED THAT WE ARE CONFIDENT BATES WAS NOT ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE, ALTHOUGH HE MAY HAVE DONE THINGS WHICH COULD GIVE RISE TO SUSPICION. ALSO UNDERScoreD HUMANITARIAN ASPECT OF CASE, E.G. ESPECIALLY PROFESSOR BATES' AGE AND PHYSICAL CONDITION.

3. ISMAIL SAID HE WAS AWARE OF CASE BUT HAD NOT FOLLOWED IT THIS PAST YEAR*. HE POINTED OUT THAT DECISION DOES NOT LIE WITH

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FOREIGN MINISTRY BUT PROMISED TO LOOK INTO CASE AND TO DO

WHAT HE CAN TO HELP.

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